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A Famous and Joyfull
VICTORY

OBTAINED BY
Sir John Merricks Regiment, and
one Troop of Horse, against the Towne
and Castle of *Portsmouth*, *August 24. 1642.*
And read in the House of Commons
on Wednesday last.

Wherein is set downe
A true and exact Relation of the manner of
that famous and renowned Battell, fought betwixt the
Gentry of *Portsmouth* and Colonell *Goring*.

Where being 20 pieces of Ordnance planted against
the Castle upon the Towne Walls by the Gentry
thereof, *Aug. 20.* They shot against the Castle, and
after a long and tedious Fight they obtained a
glorious Victory, as will appeare in this
ensuing Treatise.

Published for the joy and comfort of all true-
hearted Protestants.

Ordered that this be printed and published.
Hen. Elsyng, Cler. parl. D. Com.

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TRUE AND
Happy News from
Portsmouth,

SIR,



Our sorrow hath encreased
of late dayes, by reason of
the unfaithfullnesse of Co-
lonell *Goring*, so our joy
doeth much more abound by
reason of the comfortable
tydings here arrived from
the Towne of *Portsmouth*, which after some
small time treating upon the proceedings of the
adjoyning County thereabouts. I will relate in
a most true and exact manner of the taking of the
said Towne of *Portsmouth* againe by the aide and
assistance of the well affected people neere the
Isle of *Wight*, which said Towne I hope will bee
restored into the Parliaments power and autho-
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rity, so that they may place such Commanders
 and well affected Subjects as shall venture their
 precious blood for the keeping and maintaining
 of the same against all those that shall presume
 or offer to make any attempt against it, and that
 they may be such persons as the Parliament may
 confide in, which we make no question but that
 the Parliament so soon as the said Towne is
 resigned up to them, that they will place such
 worthy Members of the Protestant Religion,
 that they shall not betray the truth and trust
 that is reposed in them by these our worthy and
 Honourable Senators; but because I will not
 trespasse too farre upon the Readers patience, I
 will proceed and relate the resolution and pro-
 ceedings of the adjoyning Counties neere *Portsm-
 outh*, which was to this effect; That when the
 Inhabitants thereof saw that Colonell *Goring*
 had proved false contrary to the Parliaments
 suspicion, they immediately began to raise For-
 ces, and daily beat up their Drums for Volun-
 teers, and the Lieutenants of the adjoyning Coun-
 ties, when they had raised about the number of
 3000. men, they marched towards *Portsmouth*,
 and Colonell *Goring* having made great Fortifi-
 cations and Bulwarks neere the Bridge, which is
 distant from the Towne three miles, but our
 men being endewed with much courage assailed
 the same, and after some ten shots made against
 it,

it, they beat downe the Workes that were made by Colonell *Goring*, who having obtained the same, they marched about the Towne about the space of 7. miles, but beinge not satisfied, and in great rage against the said Colonell, they unanimously resolved to assemble together at a place called *Dickes Greene*, five miles from *Portsmouth*, who having consulted a great while upon this matter of high consequence, they resolved to march against the Castle at *Portsmouth*, but first they resolved to layne with the Towne, and then to plant Ordnance on the Walls: And the Inhabitant of *Portsmouth* propounded these following Propositions to the Gentry of the Towne.

1. That they would be pleased to joyn with them.

2. That they would be pleased to the uttermost of their power to suppress all those that they thought ill affected within the Towne, and that they would give them such command that they should depart the Towne in two dayes space.

And lastly, that they would bee pleased to make a generall Speech in the Towne for Armes and Ammunition, that so by that meanes they might be the abler to defend themselves against the Castle.

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which propositions were well agreeing to the
minds of the Gentry of the Towne, and gave
them much content, and after some time spent
in perusing of them, they returned this Answer,
That for their love and affection, which they
plainly manifested to the fore-going propo-
sitions, they gave them much thanks with a concu-
rence therein. And upon the 22. of this month
the Inhabitants of the Towne, having planted
their Ordnance according as they thought, firing
discharged against the Castle, and at the first
shot they shot downe one of the Forts, which
Colonell *Goring* seeing, plaid against them with
much furious courage, insomuch that there was
a great and bloody battell fought betwixt them,
and for the space of nine houres they discharged
very thicke one against the other, and it is sup-
posed that Colonell *Goring* hath lost a great
number of men; but none of ours being speat in
this Fight, the said Colonell sounded a parley
and desired that their might be a cessation for
some certaine time; but the Inhabitants would
not agree thereto, but still continued their con-
tinued and constant resolution towards the
Parliament, and vowed either to win the Castle
or to lose their lives, but when that Colonell
Goring saw they would not agree that there
should be a cessation for some certaine time, and
knowing no other way but to fight or dye, en-
couraged

couraged his men as much as possibly he could, and spoke these following words unto them. Gentlemen, you now see that Parham doth a little frowne upon us, but yet if we doe our undaunted and fight with courage, as hath comen to us, we shall obtaine the victory and escape the edge of the sword, now shew your selves like men and fight with mee, for as long as this hand is able to hold a sword, and these legges to beare my body, I will never yield, neither will I keene from a side the lest I shall have to preserve you all, for now you must either gaine Honour or Defame. His Souldiers having heard these words of their Lord and Master, resolved to fight it out to the last man, and thereupon began to play with extraordinary courage against the Towne walls, but all was in vaine, for the Gentlemen that stood for the Parliament stood for the Parliament courageously, and plyed shot very hard against them, but both sides being very weary by reason of the long continuance of the Fight, they left for some certaine time, there being neere upon a hundred men slaine of Colonnell Gorings, and not above twenty at the most of the Parliaments; and it is thought they doe intend to make another onset against the Castle within these few dayes, for it is credibly reported to both Houses of Parliament, that there is now great possibility of taking the Towne which God send those tydings to this City.

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The Parliament being informed of Marquess
Herford's insurrection to come and assault *Goring*,
sent away Sir *John Merrick's* Regiment, and one
Troop of Horse, which upon Tuesday last joyn-
ed with the rest of the Forces before *Portsmouth*
as also did a Trained Band of *Hampshire* jointly
with the other Forces, to oppose Marquess
Herford and his strength, in case they should
come: And its writ, that the Saylor's very sud-
denly intend to scale the Walls in one part, Sir
John Merrick's Regiment in another, and the
Hampshiremen in a third place, all at once, and
the Horse to second the execution and successe
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